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1. DURING ANNUAL OUTING OF CHIEFS OF MISSION AT INVITATION OF PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV JULY 15/16, WHICH WAS ATTENDED ALSO BY AMBASSADORS NOT RESIDENT IN SOFIA, I HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS CYPRIOT LABOR IN BULGARIA WITH AMBASSADOR KRANIDIOTIS WHO HAD COME HERE FROM ATHENS.

2. KRANIDIOTIS SAID THERE HWWDBEEN ALTOGETHER ABOUT 2,000 CYPRIOT LABORERS IN BULGARIA. ALL OF THEM HAVE LEFT BY NOW, DISGUSTED WITH WORKING CONDITIONS AND POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RESTRICTIONS IN BULGARIA.

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3. SINCE MOST OF THOSE LABORERS HAD BEEN OF LEFTIST
POLITICAL PERSUASION AND HAD HAD HIGH EXPECTATIONS
ABOUT WORKING IN BULGARIA, THE AMBASSADOR THOUGH THEIR
EXPERIENCE HERE CONSTITUTED "MOST VALUABLE POLITICAL
EDUCATION".
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